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Above the battle. By Romain Rolland. Translated by C. K. Ogden, M.A. Second edition. (Chicago: Open Court publishing company, 1916. 102 p. \$1.00 net)

In this small book the author has collected a number of articles and open letters published by him during the early part of the war, together with appeals for peace emanating from the "intellectuals" of Spain and Holland. The purpose of the book is to plead with the educated classes of all the warring nations to be mindful of their common heritage. peoples engaged in the conflict have no real cause for quarrel, according to the contention of the author, but were led into the struggle through the dark designs of their governments. It is with the governments that the guilt resides. "The worst enemy of each nation is not without, but within its frontiers, and none has the courage to fight against it. It is the monster of a hundred heads, the monster named Imperialism." It would be futile, as the author sadly realizes, to try to put an end to a struggle once started. What he does consider worth trying, however, is the organization of public opinion for the repudiation of wrongdoing, more particularly the crimes committed by the German government, so as to prepare the way for a lasting peace, a peace embodying the principle of self-determination.

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